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SUBJECT: VOLAG INTEREST IN NEW WEST BANK EDUCATIONAL AND
TRAINING PROGRAMS

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1. GRACE LANGLEY (AID:NE/TECH) MET WITH MR. VIRGIL
CRIPPIN, PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MIDDLE EAST (AFME)
NOW KNOWN AS AMIDEAST, ON AUGUST 11 TO EXPLORE INTEREST OF
AFME IN HANDLING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR WEST BANK UNIVER-
SITIES AND ALSO SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS IN U.S. FOR
WEST BANK AND GAZA RESIDENTS. AFME IS NOW ADMINISTERING
GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM FOR STATE-CU IN AREA WHICH HAS
PLACED TEN WEST BANK STUDENTS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

2. AFME, WHICH CLOSED ITS JERUSALEM OFFICE IN 1967, EX-
PRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN ADMINISTERING A PROGRAM OF
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UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WEST BANK/GAZA STUDENTS
STUDYING AT BIR ZEIT AND BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITIES AS WELL AS
STUDY TOURS AND ON-JOB TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL PERSONNEL
ALREADY EMPLOYED. CRIPPIN SAID AFME COULD HAVE A PROPOSAL
READY FOR AID'S CONSIDERATION IN APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS.
CRIPPIN SAID AFME WOULD BE WILLING TO REOPEN EAST JERUSALEM
OFFICE IN ORDER TO HANDLE THESE PROGRAMS.

3. AFME PLANS TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO AREA IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS PLANS WITH GOI OFFICIALS (MIN OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND MIN OF EDUCATION) AS WELL AS EMBASSY AND CONGEN. CRIPPIN, WHO ALSO SITS ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID (ANERA), DID NOT SPECIFY WHO WOULD BE SENT TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE THINKING OF PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN WITH GOOD TIES TO PALESTINIAN ARAB COMMUNITY AND EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. WILL KEEP EMBASSY AND CONGEN INFORMED OF NAME AND TRAVEL PLANS OF AFME REP WHO WILL BE COMING TO AREA.

4. AID PLANS TO SOUND OUT INTEREST OF ONE OR TWO OTHER VOLAGS IN THESE PROGRAMS BEFORE FINAL SELECTION OF VOLAG. PLEASE ADVISE POST REACTION TO USE OF AMIDEAST (AFME) IN THIS ROLE AND WHETHER OR NOT PROJECT SHOULD INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIPS AT U OF JORDAN OR AUB IN FIELDS NOT YET AVAILABLE AT BIR ZEIT OR BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITIES. CHRISTOPHER

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